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Belmont Abbey College and Prep

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...of Belmont

to

add another year

...Remember

how we worked

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how we played

...Remember!

Father Walter Coggin
Chaplain

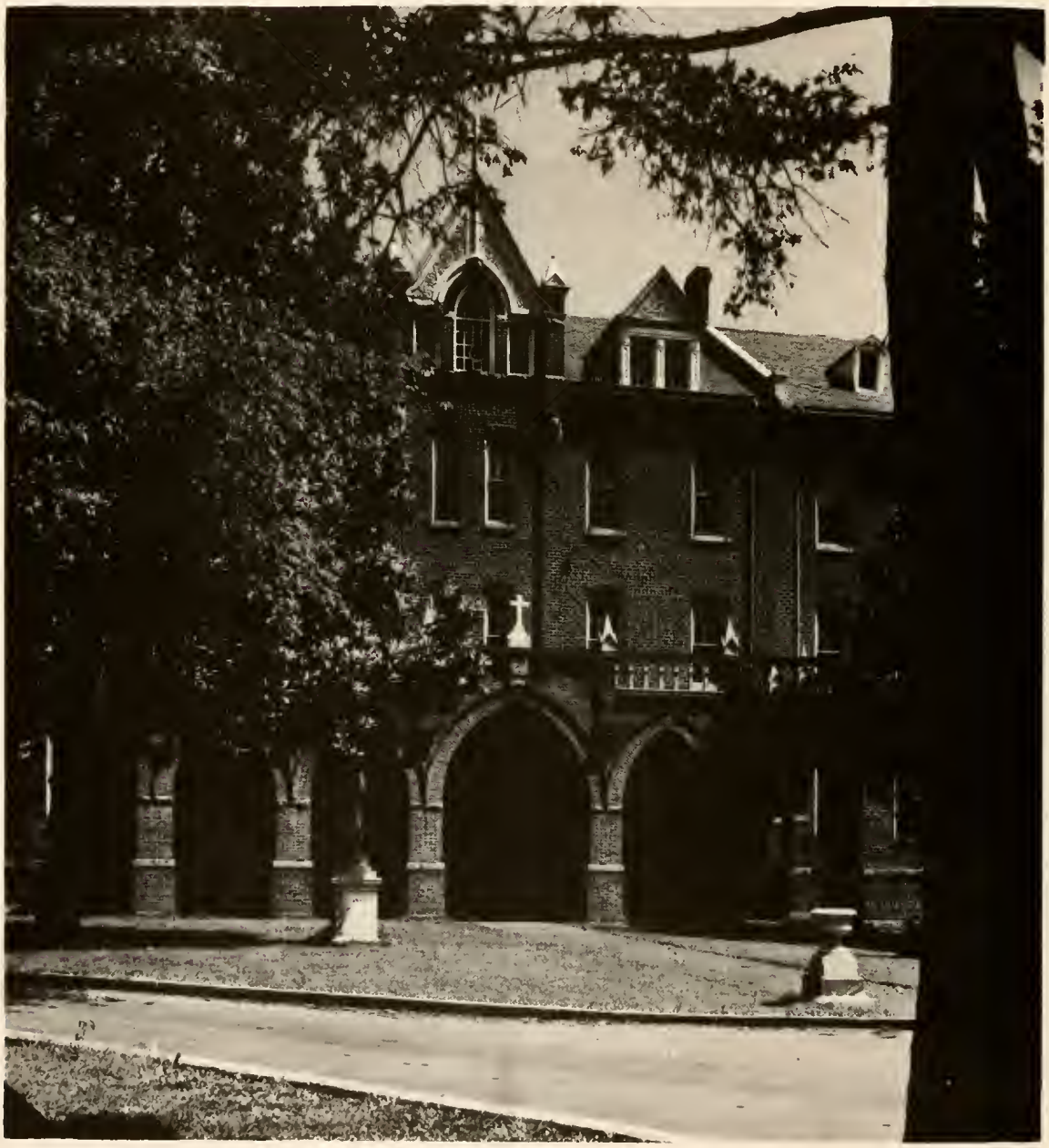
...To Whom We Dedicate This Book

He teacnes Philosophy, Psychology, Ethics and math. As Chaplain, he listens to a thousand tales of woe; but his warm, friendly guidance, spiritual or intellectual, is always freely given and is always a source of consolation for the troubled and the confused. You can find him in the hallway sometimes after study hall, surrounded by a crowd of Abbeymen. "You're putting on weight, Father," they'll say, or: "What are you saving your hair in, Father, a cigar box?" He can take the kidding—and he can give it back to you with interest. Even when he seems outwardly angry you can sense a secret smile in his heart. He's everybody's friend.

We of the 1950 Spire staff affectionately dedicate this book to Father Walter Coggins—an ideal priest, an outstanding teacher, and a great man.

"Hail Alma Mater,..."

Remember the Portico where we gathered at twilight; the college dorm, and best of all the loud-speaker?



"... Hail dear ol' Abbey,..."

Saint Leo's hall, the home of the Prep School, the library and the auditorium.

"...We are thy Sons,..."

Long summer nights made the lawn and benches a swell place to relax, have a smoke, tell a joke!

With humble hearts and quiet praise we prayed.

"...And thee we Love,..."

We never saw much snow, but it was there!

"... Faithful we'll Always be,..."

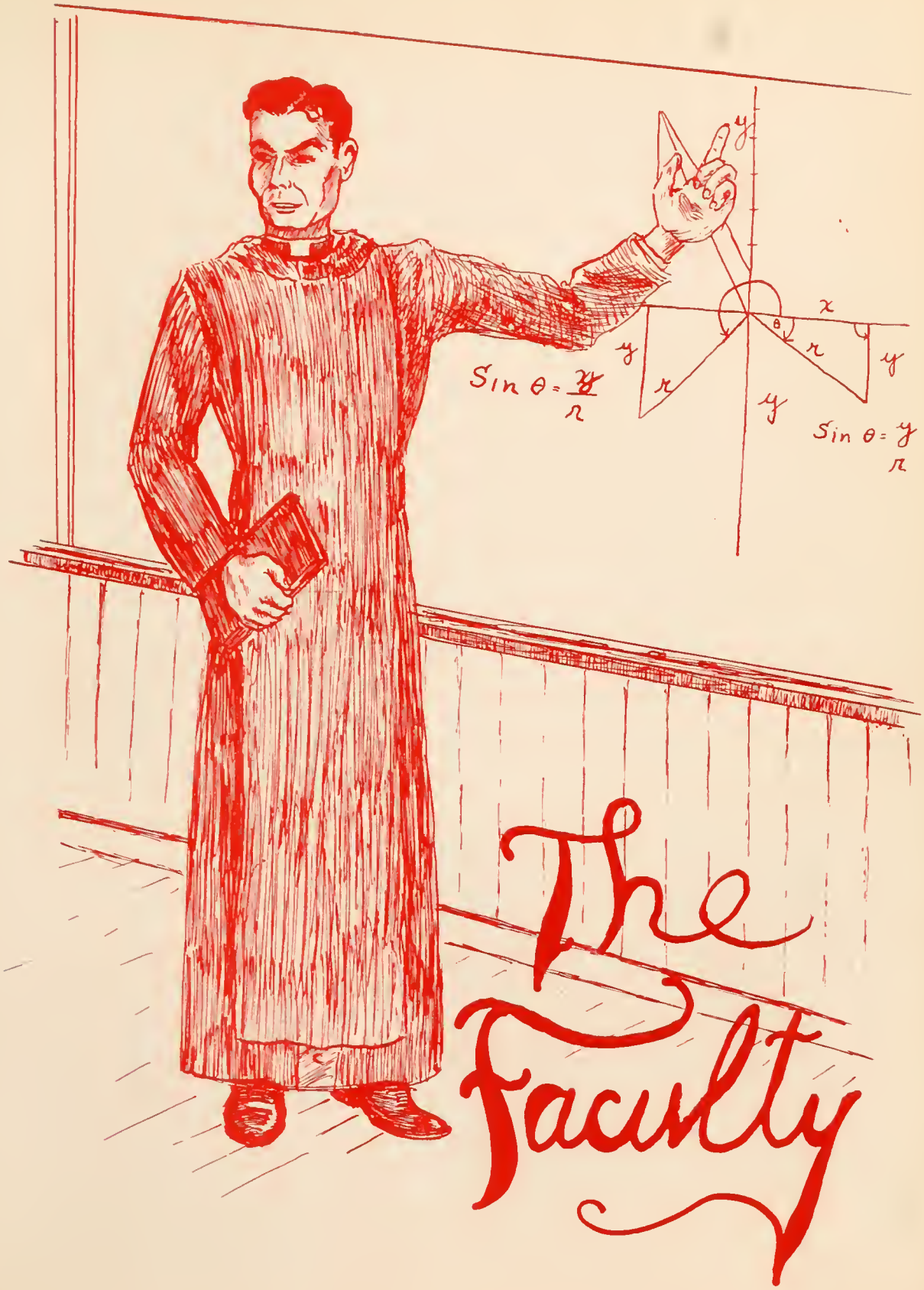
May devotions at the Grotto made us all think a little more. A cool drink from the fountain on the way in from an afternoon on the athletic field was refreshing.

"... Strengthened in Loyalty..."

The Leo Haid Memorial Gymnasium, there were many happy moments spent here. Remember entramurals, basketball games, dances, initiations?

"...With Help from Above..."

The spire of the Cathedral reaching to the heavens as the afternoon speeds on bringing to a close too fast a wonderful and well spent year.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The Faculty

THE RT. REV. VINCENT G. TAYLOR
O.S.B., D.D., LL.D.
Abbot-Ordinary and President

Fr. Bernard Rosswog
Theology & Latin
(Rector & Headmaster)

Fr. Cuthbert E. Allen
Hist., Sociol., Econ., Rel.
(College Dean of Men)

Fr. Walter Coggin

Phil. & Math.

(Football Coach of Ramblers; Chaplain)

Fr. Sebastian Doris

Rel., Eng., Math.

Fr. Florian Checkhart

Treasurer

Fr. Bonafice Bauer

German & French

Fr. Joseph Tobin

Chem., Physics, Math.

Fr. Richard Graz

Typing

Fr. Wilfred Foley
History

Fr. Gabriel Stupasky
Librarian

Fr. Paul Milde
Eng., Latin, Rel.

Fr. Anthony Cahill
Physics, Math.
(Prep Dean of Discipline)

Fr. Anselm Biggs
History

Fr. Raymond Geyer
Latin & Rel.
(Ass't. Librarian)

FR. MATHEW MCSORLEY
Eng., Phy. Ed.
(Ass't. College Dean of Men)

FR. THOMAS STUMPF
Math.
(Ass't. Rambler Football Coach)

FR. RAFEAL BRIDGE
History

FR. KENNETH
Music Glee Club

FR. JOHN OETGEN
English (Faculty Adv. of Contact)

FR. KEVIN
Phy. Ed.

Br. Fidelis Motzer
Bus. Law & Accounting

Mr. David Gorney
Pub. Sp., English, Accounting, Gen. Sc.

Br. Jude
Eng. & Latin

Mr. Edward Stry
Chemistry & Zoology

Mr. Howard Wheeler
History, Phy. Ed., Government

Mrs. McDonnell
Ass't. Librarian, Lib. Sc.

Mr. Lajoie
Spanish

Miss Louradour
Registrar & Secretary

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Fr. Brendan Dooley
Math., Eng., Rel.

Fr. Dennis Byrne
Biology

Fr. Christopher Johann
French

Sergt. Costner
Rifle Team

Mr. Olvington
Ass't. Football Coach
(Crusaders)

Mr. Butler
Rambler Basketball Coach

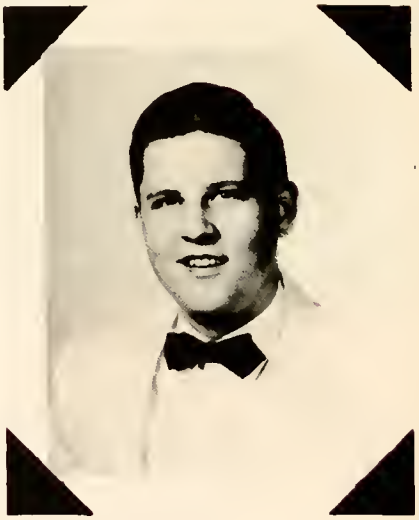
Autographs

College Sophomores

RICHARD DANIEL BACON
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

Arts Course

Cheerleading (2); St. John Berchman's Society (1, 2); Spire Staff (2); Intramural (1, 2); Dance Committee (1, 2).



JOHN TILLMAN BEAM, JR.
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Spire Staff (1).

KENNETH CHARLES BOTTS
MCADENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

JOHNNIE BOU-KATHER
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

JENKS BRENDLE
CRAMERTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Baseball (1, 2); Basketball (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

JAMES A. BUTT
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Scientific Course

Sophomore Class Treasurer, Phi Theta Kappa (2); Dance Committee (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Contact (2).

PAUL A. CENCULA
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO

Arts Course

Foothall (1, 2); Basketball (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2); St. John Berchman's Society (1, 2).

NICHOLAS L. CIER.
MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

BERNARD FRANCIS CURRAN
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Arts Course

President Freshman Class; Beta Alpha Sigma (1,.2; Prés. 2); Spire Staff 2); Contact (2); St. John Berchman's Society (1, 2); Student Council (1, 2); Pser Club (2); Phi Theta Kappa (2); Dance Committee (1, 2); Sports Director Crusaders (2); Intramurals (1, 2).

DAVID EDWARD DAGENHART
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

THOMAS MARION DANFORTH
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Scientific Course

Football (1, 2); Baseball (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2); Dance Committee (1, 2).

CURT PAUL DAVIS
WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Arts Course

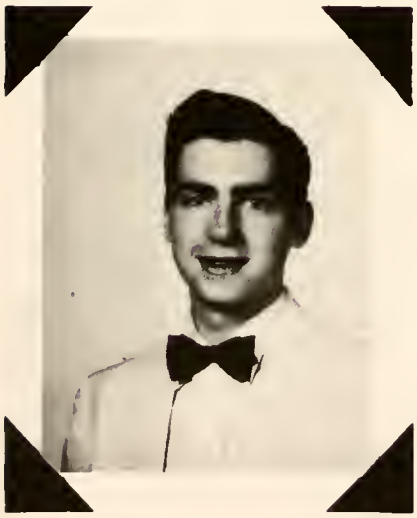
Football (2); Intramurals (1, 2).

FLOYD THOMAS DAY
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

ADRIS ELMER DOVER
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course



FRANK EDWARD DRISCOLL
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Spire Editor (2); Cheerleader (1, 2); Beta Alpha Sigma (1, 2); Monogram Club (2); Student Council (2); Dance Committee, Decoration (1, 2); St. Benedict's Society (2); Pser Club (2).

ROBERT GEORGE DUKE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Contact (1); Intramurals (1, 2); Dance Committee (2).

JAMES ALLEN DUKES
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

THOMAS DUNN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

WILLIAM JOSEPH FARLEY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Arts Course

St. Benedict's Society (1, 2); Cheerleader (2); St. John Berchman's Society (2); Intramurals (2).

BILL LES FLETCHER
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Basketball (1, 2); Baseball (1)

HUBERT EUGENE FORD
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Baseball (1, 2); Football (1, 2); Class Secretary (1, 2).

DONALD RICHARD FORTNER
MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

DONALD BLAIR FOX
MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Business Course

Football (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

DAVID RICHARD FRAZIER
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

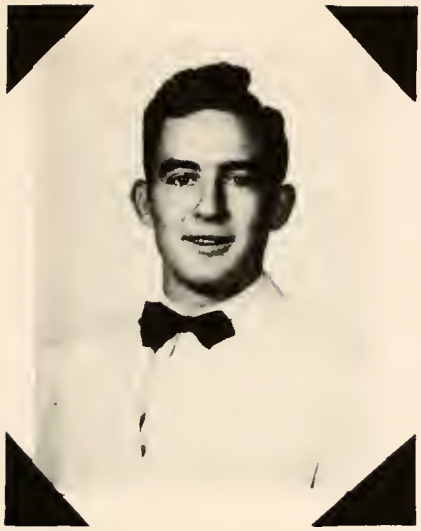
Business Course

Football (1); Monogram Club (1, 2): Rifle Team (1).

William E. Gaddis
North Belmont, North Carolina
Business Course

William Perry Garmon
Gastonia, North Carolina
Scientific Course

Arnold Robert Giessler
Tuckahoe, N. Y.
Arts Course



EARL B. GORDON
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Intramurals (2).

JOSE F. DANBAR GRAELLS
HABANA, CUBA

Business Course

Dance Committee (1); Intramurals (1, 2).

CHARLES HANDLON
ALLENTOWN, PENN.

Arts Course

Vice-President Sopbomore Class; Treasurer Monogram Club; Basketball (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Spire Staff (2); Contact Staff (2); Glee Club (2); Pser Club (2); Dance Committee (1, 2); Chairman (2).

JAMES WILLIAM HANSEL
McADENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

JACK HENDRIX
MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Baseball (1, 2); Basketball (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

A. C. HOLLAR
MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Business Course

Football (1, 2) Intramurals (1, 2).

ALFRED HERMAN HOVIS
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Baseball (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

ROBERT NIMIN JACKSON, JR.
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Rifle Club (2).

WILLIAM JARRELL
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Phi Theta Kappa

William Randolph Jones
Mt. Holly, North Carolina

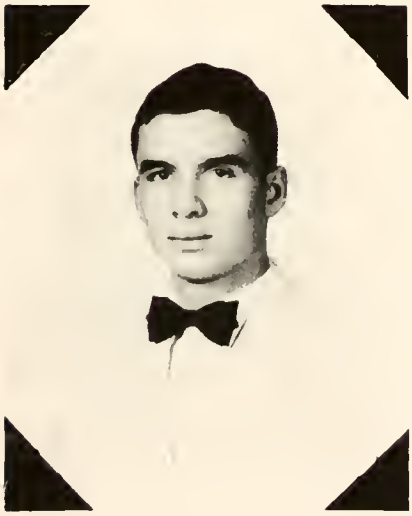
Arts Course

Basketball (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Tennis (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

William H. Kelly, Jr.
Gastonia, North Carolina

Arts Course

Football (2).



Charles Frick Kienast
Chiley, Georgia

Arts Course

Intramurals (1, 2).

STANLEY KLOSEK
SOUTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY

Arts Course

Baseball (1, 2); Beta Alpha Sigma (1, 2), Intramurals (1, 2); St. Benedict's Society (1, 2); St. John Berchman's Society (1, 2); Dance Committee (1, 2).

JOHN CRAIG LACKEY
BESSEMER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

ALTON EUGENE LEWIS
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Business Course

Football (1, 2); Baseball (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Tennis (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2), President.

ROBERT FLOYD LIPPARD
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

BROWN FRANKLIN LLOYD
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

PAUL MILTON LOEHR
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Baseball (1, 2); Treasurer, Freshman Class; Monogram Club (1, 2), Vice President; Tennis (1, 2).

JOSEPH A. MATHEWS
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Scientific Course

Rifle Team (1, 2); Phi Theta Kappa (1, 2); Beta Alpha Sigma (1, 2).

THOMAS KING MAUNEY
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Phi Theta Kappa (1, 2), Secretary

HILL MCCLURE
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

F. Vernon McCracken, Jr.
Richmond, Virginia

Arts Course

Rifle Team (1); Intramurals (1, 2); Dance Committee (2); Spire Staff (2).

Harvey Les Michael
Cramerton, North Carolina

Scientific Course

Rifle Team (2).

Kenneth Parker
Gastonia, North Carolina

Arts Course

James Oliver Pendleton
Cramerton, North Carolina
Arts Course

J. Ray Plummer
Charlotte, North Carolina
Arts Course

Billie Wilson Poole
McAdenville, North Carolina
Business Course

ROBERT FANSKE PORVAZNIK
ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Arts Course

Crusader Football (1); Crusader Basketball (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Spire Staff (2); Contact Staff (2); Glee Club (2).

ROBERT A. PRESTON
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Arts Course

Beta Alpha Sigma (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Dance Committee; St. Benedict's Society (1, 2), President.

DEVANT JAN PURVIS
GLENNVILLE, GEORGIA

Arts Course

WILLIAM BLAIR QUEEN
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

JOHN F. RAYMON
SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Editor, Contact (2); Phi Theta Kappa (1, 2), President; Beta Alpha Sigma (1, 2), Secretary; Spire Staff (2); Intramurals (2).

ARNOLD T. G. REECE
CRAMERTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Football (1, 2); Basketball (1, 2); Baseball (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

RICHARD F. REICHARD
MADISON HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA

Arts Course

G. THOMAS REINHARDT
CHESAPEAKE, OHIO

Arts Course

Basketball (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

WILLIAM METZ RODGERS
MCADENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Carlo J. Schiappa
Steubenville, Ohio

Scientific Course

Football (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2).

Everrett Yates Springs
Mt. Holly, North Carolina

Scientific Course

Crusader Football (1, 2).

William Lacy Stroupe
Gastonia, North Carolina

Arts Course

Treasurer, Phi Theta Kappa; Sophomore Class President; Student Council (2).

RAWLINGS STUART
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Arts Course

NORWOOD LEE TALTON
MT. HOLLY, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

JAMES MARTIN TOMAN
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Arts Course

St. Benedict's Society (1, 2), V.-President; St. John Berchman's Society (1, 2); Beta Alpha Sigma (2).

ALEXANDER MARTIN ULASIEWICZ
STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

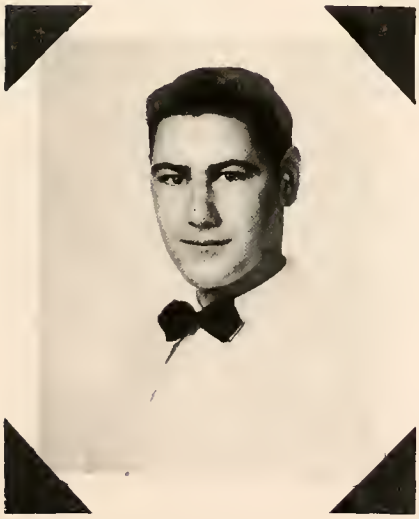
Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2).

DRIES HANS VANDENBURG
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Scientific Course

Phi Theta Kappa, Spire Staff (2), Assistant Editor; Contact Staff (2), Assistant Editor; Librarian; Dance Committee (1, 2); Pser Club (2).



LEO CULLEN WADE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Arts Course

Football Manager (1); Baseball (1, 2), Intramurals (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

RICHARD JOHN WESTON
TUCKAHOE, NEW YORK

Arts Course

Football Manager (2); Basketball Manager (2); Intramurals (2); Monogram Club (2); Spire Staff (2); Contact Staff (2).

GERALD MCDONALD WHITE
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Intramurals (1, 2).

SETH THOMAS WHITE, JR.
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Arts Course

Dance Commitee (1, 2).

William Dean Wright
Cramerton, North Carolina

Arts Course

Football (1, 2); Monogram Club (1, 2).

Autographs

College

Freshmen

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... JOHN YACOBI

Vice-President ..... FRITZ PELONE

Secretary ..... JOE MCCAFFREY

Treasurer ..... BOB KELLY

Left to right—First row: William Allen, Richard Bain, Paul Blackwelder, William Byrne. *Second row:* Rafael Cowley, William Danco, Edward Davis, Robert Driscoll. *Third row:* Jerry Easley, Neal Farmer, Donald Flaherty, Porter Gibson. *Fourth row:* Frank Gragnani, Jack Harvie, George Hogan, Robert Hovis. *Fifth row:* Tom Hovis, Hugh Johnston.

Left to right—First row: Robert Kelly, David Kessinger, Henry Kmiec, Truett Lingerfelt. *Second row:* Wilbur Loving, James Lybrand, Joseph McCaffrey, Harry McCarthy. *Third row:* Wells McConnell, Thomas Melvin, Raul Moreyra, Jack Moody. *Fourth row:* Silas Moore, Barry Murphy, August Novak, Herman Parnell. *Fifth row:* Robert Peche, Francis Pelone.

Left to right—First row: John Pratt, Wilbur Queen, Edmond Rabil, Leland Ratchford. *Second row:* Gene Reeves, George Reiner, Norris Rumfelt, John Salem. *Third row:* George Searle, Thomas Smiley, Fred Snider, Francis Souza. *Fourth row:* Frank Stolte, Jerry White, Gene Wilson, Douglas Wingate. *Fifth row*: John Yacobi.

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SNAPSHOTS

THE 1950 SPIRE

Vandenburg, Driscoll, Driscoll

Weston, Bacon, Driscoll,
Parvaznick, McCarthy

SPIRE STAFF

The Spire staff got off to a big start this year with an entirely new staff and a lot of new ideas. With Father Cuthbert as moderator we dove into the job of publishing an annual to remember.

Had it not been for the following abetters, this edition of the Spire may have never found its way into the hands of eager Abbeymen:

FRANK DRISCOLL—*editor of the annual.*

DRIES VANDENBURG—*assistant editor and money doler.*

BOB DRISCOLL—*who developed a case of foot trouble looking for ads.*

JOHN RAYMONDS—*who's excellent creative mind executed the art work.*

DICK WESTON—*who edited the largest sport section to ever be found in the history of the Spire.*

BILL DUNCO—*who roamed the halls with his camera.*

FRANKLIN STUDIOS—*who slaved for weeks to snap our beautiful faces.*

MCCRACKEN AND GIBSON—*the editors of the snapshots.*

YACOBI, CURRAN, HANDLON, MCCARTHY, BACON & PORVAZNIK—*the fellas that never tired of finding additions to make in all departments of the '50 Spire.*

CONTACT

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PREP JUNIORS REHEARSING FOR MURDER IN PLAY

The Third Prep is now rehearsing a play, to be presented sometime in the first week of March, entitled **Murder in Rehearsal**. The script by Arthur Goetz, is in three acts and is a mystery melodrama concerning the baffling problem of killed the director, Jack pects are numer tion of th tion

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College Student Council Announces New Rules For Social

The College Student rules concerning the regulation spices of the college. Amo ions is that groups plans and pr o present

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Circulation Manager ..... Joe McCaffrey
Editor ..... John Raymond
Assistant Editor ..... Dries Vandenburg

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Abbeyman Judging Virginia Fighters

Among the youngest licensed boxing judges in the state of Virginia is ex-Abbeyman Jack (The Old

Student Organiz
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Two Catholic organiz National Federation o College Students and th tion of Newman Clubs resented at the Abbey r discussion on the possibili organizations holding a g vention at the Abbey s May of this year. Mr. Tho han, Executive-Secretar Youth and Educational of the National Cathol Conference represented ganizations.

Mr. Callahan consu Father Cuthbert on the the Southern region in Catholic students. A co vey and study of Cath population in all college versities in this region is ned, it was revealed. It i ned to study the probler erating Newman Clubs, olic students' organiz mpuses wherever feas bject of the discussio nization of Cathol region in either FNC.

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CONTACT STAFF

On The Shelf

With Dries Vandenberg

The Contact this year was headed by John Raymond, who did an excellent job of giving the students the news in a straightforward, unbiased way. John deserves a lot of credit and a lot of thanks for waking the student up to the fact that there is a lot to be done around Belmont, and that they are the ones to do it.

Scores of thanks go to Bernie Curran, sports editor, for his column on the athletic ups and downs of the Abbey.

Joe McCaffrey and Dries Vandenburg deserve a lot of credit for their swell work also.

The students as well as the staff owe piles of thanks to Father John for his untiring devotion to the Contact.

Editorials

J. C. Aul . .

STUDENT COUNCIL

Left to right: Curran, Handlon, Yacobi, Ulasiewicz, Stroupe, Driscoll, Lewis, Raymond.

Orchids go to Alex Ulasiewicz, who led our student body this year. Had it not been for his untiring devotion and hard work on the part of the other members, the student council would have never shaped up as well as it did this year.

The council took an active interest in school affairs, and endeavored to bring a closer union between day students, boarders and faculty. A new constitution was passed giving the student council a more active part in the school. The success of this year at the Abbey could not have been attained by the above if it had not been for the admirable interest of Father Cuthbert, dean of men.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Left to right—First row: Butt, Vandenburg, Raymond, Stroupe. *Second row:* Jarrell, Lackey, Curran, Ulasiewicz.

PLEDGES:

Jack Moody
Belton Patty
Thomas Hovis
Alex Ulasiewicz
Bill Jarrell
Bernard Curran
Devant Purvis
John Lackey
Nicholas Cieri
Charles Handlon
James Butt
Francis Pelone
Jerry White
Norris Rumfelt

The National Junior College Honor Society which honors by membership students who excel in scholastic standing, school spirit, and leadership. The Phi Theta Kappa this year had a large roll of honor students. Three Abbey men tied for the highest average this year. They are Thomas Mauney, Nicholas Cieri, and Belton Patty. These Abbey men are truly the outstanding students of the school year '49, '50.

BETA ALPHA SIGMA

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Left to right—First row: McCaffrey, Driscoll, Curran, Jones. *Second row:* Mock, McDonnell, Palomo, Souza, Davis, Thompson, Raymond. *Third row:* Klosek, Preston, Stuart, Yacobi, McCaffrey, Bain, Anderson, Ulasiewicz.

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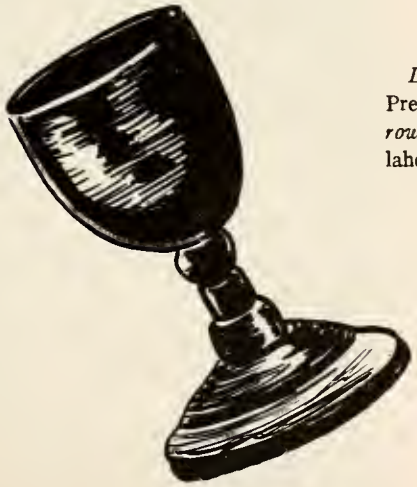
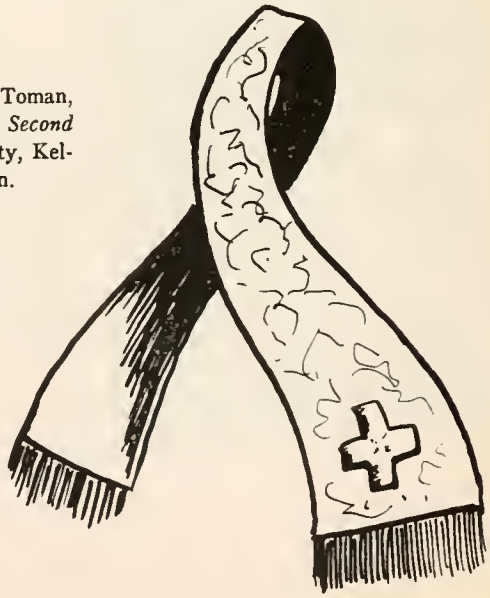
The Beta Alpha grew out of a definite need for an organization to foster school enterprises. It is a medium of activity for expressing a practical and concrete manner: school spirit, student activity, and individual initiative in best interests of the student body of Belmont Abbey College and Preparatory School. To add to the enjoyment of campus life is its main concern.

SAINT BENEDICT'S SOCIETY

The Saint Benedict's Society, as old as the College is itself, is an organization composed of students who have chosen the sacred priesthood as their life's work. Its members meet weekly to discuss matters pertaining to the monastic way of life and akin subjects. Possibly the most notable project of the society is the leading of the Missae Recitata at daily Mass.



Left to right—First row: Toman, Preston, Klosek, McMahon. *Second row:* Farley, McCaffrey, Patty, Kellaher, Stolti, White, Sheenan.



SAINT JOHN BERCHMAN'S SOCIETY

Left to right—First row: Younginer, Redman. *Second row:* Souza, Putnam, Torres, Borrini, Wade, Bacon. *Third row:* Mock, Mundy, Boado, Curran, Lawless, Jones, Kessinger. *Fourth row:* McDermott, Stuart, Culverwell, Farley, Kellaher, Bain.

The Saint John Berchman's Society, founded in 1914, is an organization for the purpose of preparing and training young men to serve and assist at the liturgical services and functions in the Abbey Cathedral. Under the direction of Father Rapheal the Society has done an excellent and commendable act of worship this year.

PSER CLUB

Left to right—First row: Driscoll, Farley, Vandenburg, Handlon. *Second row:* Bacon, Weston, Klosek, Curran, Raymond.

The PSER Club was reborn this year after a lapse of inactivity lasting two years. It is an organization devoted to round table discussions on contemporary, political, social, economical, and religious questions. It is a small group of students whose object is to study the history and development of modern problems in order to have a clear idea of their theoretical and practical importance to everyday life. Some of the subjects discussed this year were: "The Formosa Question, World Federation, The League of Decency."

GLEE CLUB

Left to right—First row: Loehr, Cieri, Handlon, Kessinger, Weston, Butt, Bacon. *Second row:* Driscoll, White, Dagenhart, Lackey, Farley, Porvasnick, Yacobi, Kmiec, Fr. Kenneth.

The Glee Club was organized this year by Father Kenneth. Every Wednesday and Friday at noon, the voices of the boys could be heard coming from the music studio in St. Leo's hall. An active interest was shown by students, boarder, and dayhops which ended in the success and realization of a dream come true. Orchids to Father Kenneth for his untiring interest in the boys in helping them to organize the Glee Club.

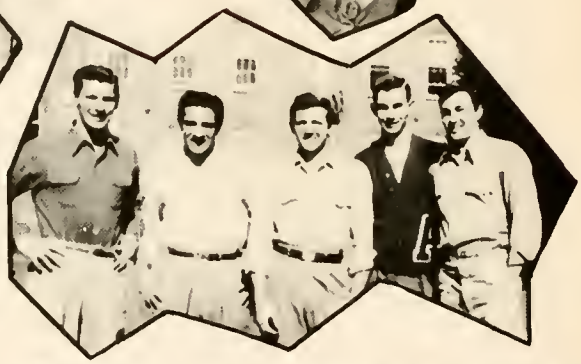
RIFLE TEAM

Left to right—First row: Davis, Jackson, Thompson, Montgomery. *Second row:* Sgt. Costner, Micheal, Hovis, Reiner, Searle.

The rifle club affiliated to the National Rifle Association of America, was formed to promote marksmanship, good fellowship, and sportsmanship. The fourth floor of the Administration building has been a constant bedlam of noise this year as our Abbeymen fired away. Several matches were held between the Abbey and other college teams this year. The team is coached by Sgt. Costner of the local police department.

Reiner and Micheal, the dead eyes!

Matthews and Hovis fire away!



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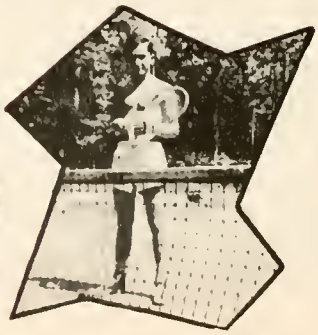

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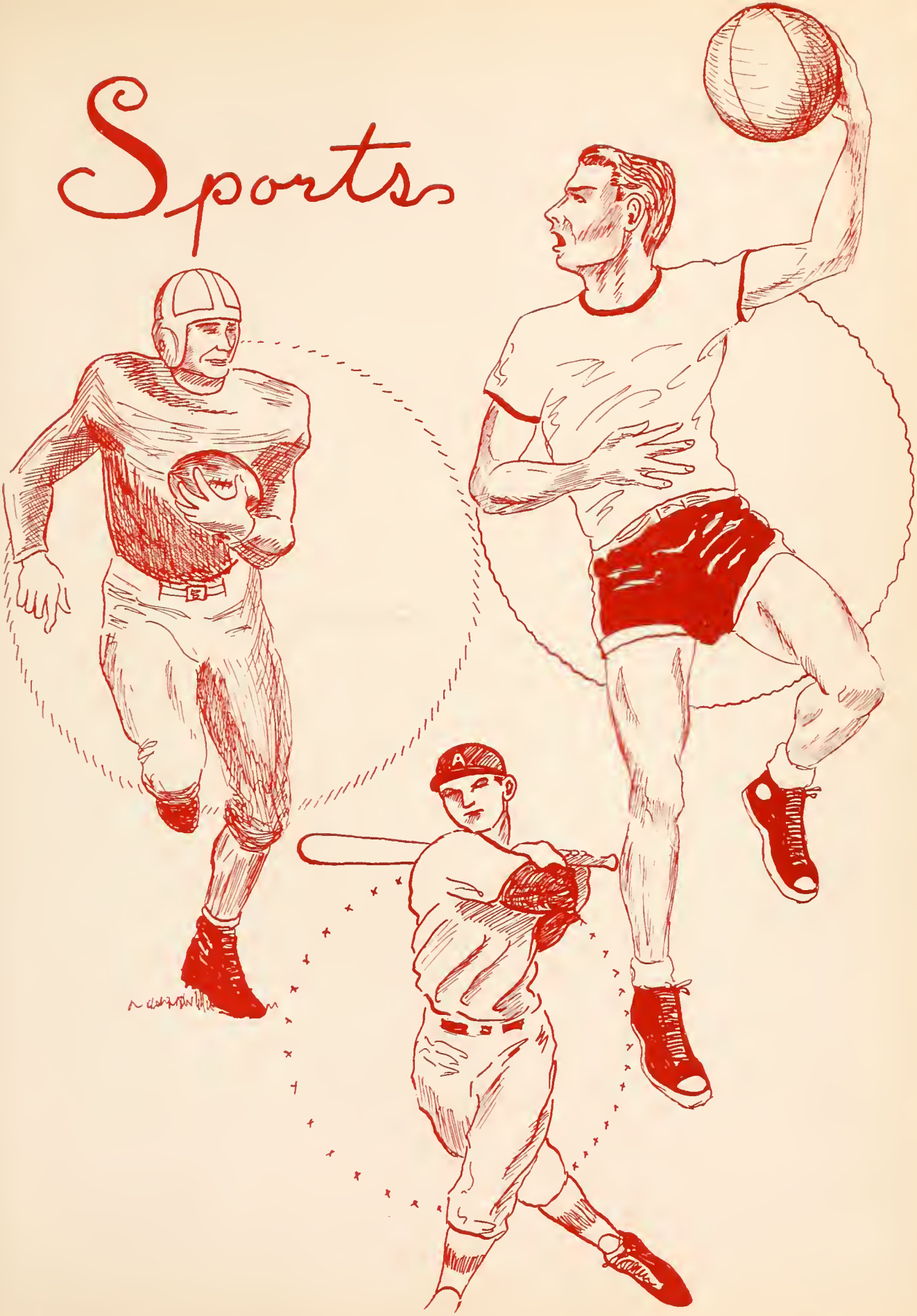


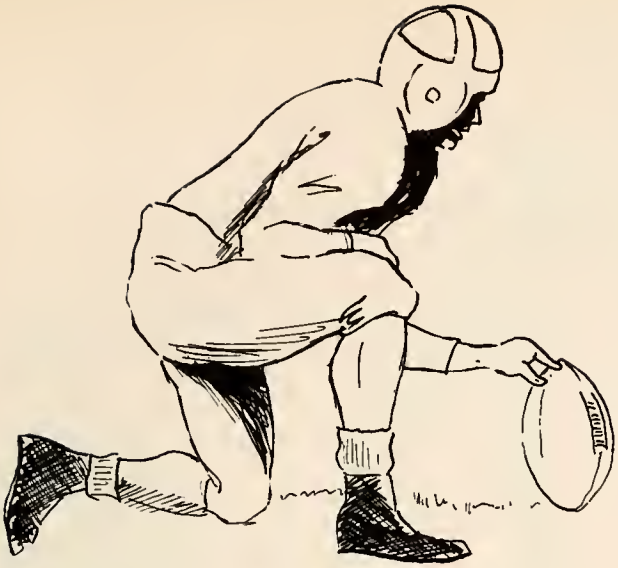
Hail to the Crimson
Hail to the White
Hail Alma Mater
We'll always fight
We love no other
Let our motto be
Victory, Abbey men
Varsity!

1950 MONOGRAM CLUB

Left to right—First row: Lewis, Loehr, Ulasiewicz, Schiappa, Handlon, Ford, Duke. *Second row:* G. White, Rienhardt, Porvaznik, Danforth Springs, Fortner, Hendrix, Bain, Harvie, Gallagher, A. Hovis, Gragnani. *Third row:* Wade, Cencula, T. Dunn, W. Wright, Davis, R. Kelly, Byrne, Weston, W. Kelly.

The Monogram Club is composed of students who have earned their letter in one or more of the major sports. Its purpose is to promote loyalty, school spirit, and good sportsmanship, and to foster a friendly feeling among those who represent the school in athletic competition. The club this year functioned socially by putting on dances after the games from which they raised money to buy athletic sweaters. The year ended with the annual Banquet at which the following received awards:

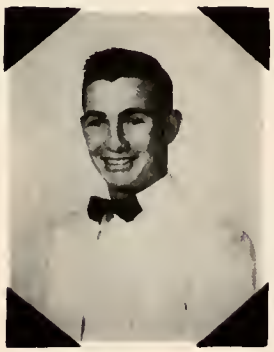
Paul Cencula—Marty Thomas Sportsmanship Award.
Jack Harvie—Breeland Blocking Trophy.
Ted Reece—Foul Shooting Trophy.
Alton Lewis—Batting Trophy.



Paul Loehr
Vice-President

Alex Ulasiewicz
Secretary

Charles Handlon
Treasurer



Alton Lewis
President

The Record

Abbey	13	0	Gardner-Webb
"	12	27	Lee's McRae
"	7	13	W.C.T.C
"	0	0	Cambell
"	45	7	P.J.C.
"	40	0	Mac's Hill
"	13	0	Davidson Frosh.
"	0	27	G.M.C.

Crusader Football

1949 CRUSADERS

With the return of fourteen lettermen from last year, the Crusaders started practice early in September. After four weeks of hard workouts they met and downed their first opponent, Gardner-Webb. A trip up the mountains the next week proved hard on them, for after a hard fought game, they tasted their first set-back at the hands of a powerful Lees-McRae team. Filling in an open date, the Wheelermen came home to play W.C.T.C. "B" team. It was nip and tuck up to the last when the Teachers pushed over that one that gave them a hard earned victory. The Campbell game proved to be the contest of the year with both teams pushing, plunging, and punting up and down the field. In spite of the Abbeymen's out-passing, out-running, and out-playing of their opponent the encounter ended in a 0-0 deadlock. That section of the state proved to the liking of the Crusaders as they traveled down East the following week and romped over a highly out-classed P. J. C. eleven. The next week saw the same happen to the men from Mars Hill as the Abbeymen rolled up a big score and held their opponents scoreless. Striving for their third straight victory, the Crusaders toppled a strong Davidson Frosh team. The final game of the year saw the Abbey playing host to the cadets from G. M. C. The efforts of every member of the squad were not enough to counter the strong men from Georgia, and the Crusaders left the field that night with a record of four wins, three losses, and one tie.

Reese

Co-Captains, Ulasiewicz and Loehr

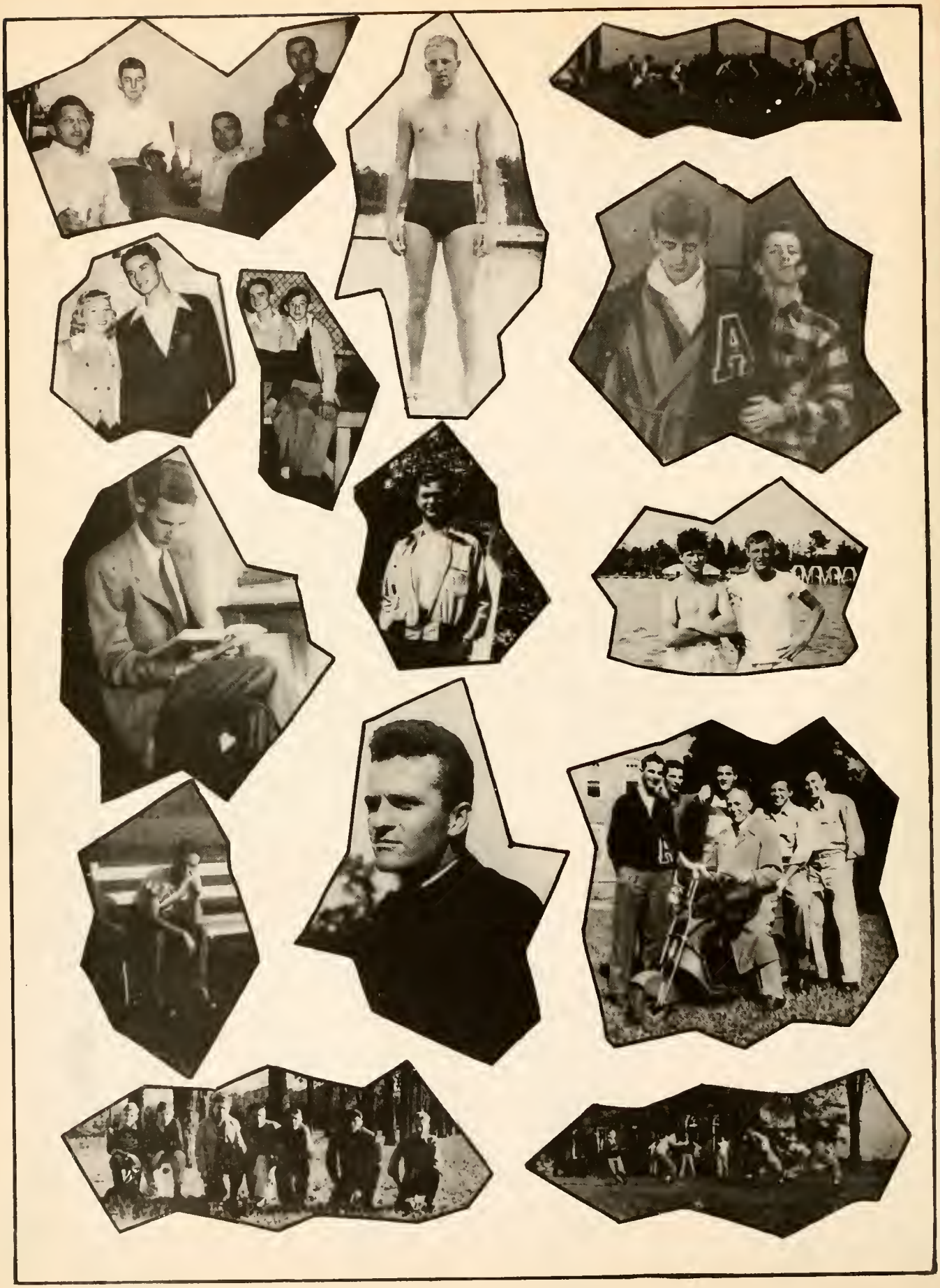
Gragnani

Wheeler
Coach

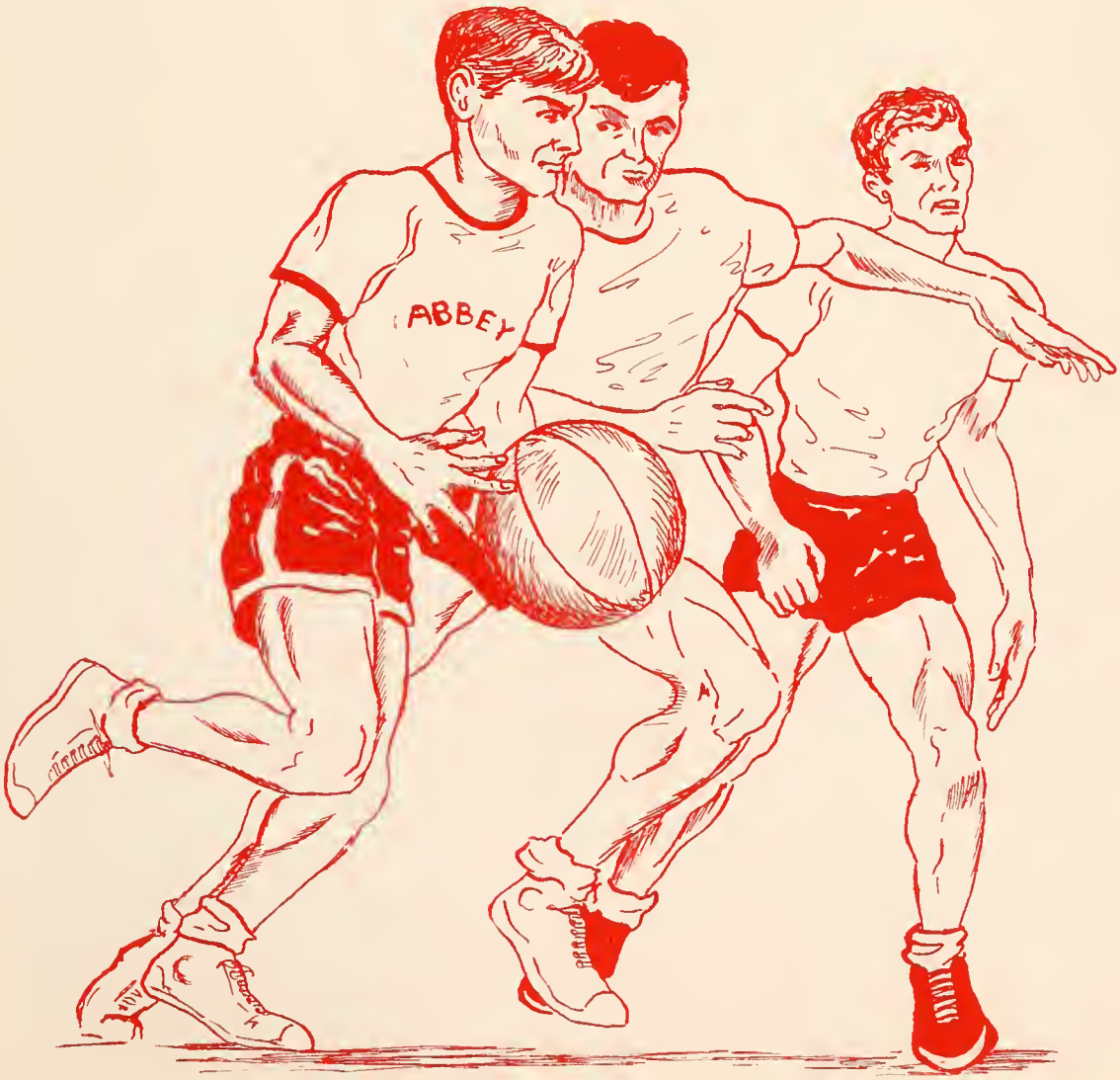
Wade, Manager

Wington
Ass't Coach

Top Photo: Harvie's there again. Abbey vs. W.C.T.C.
Bottom Photo: Snider's on his way—he made it.



Crusader Basketball



BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE BASKETBALL RECORD

1949 - 1950 15 Wins - - 10 Losses

Abbey 68—Cramerton Eagles 52
Abbey 42—Davidson Frosh 58
*Abbey 62—Charlotte College 40
Abbey 42—Cramerton Eagles 37
*Abbey 49—Gardner-Webb 50
*Abbey 44—Wingate 73
*Abbey 90—Mitchell 48
*Abbey 42—Wingate 35
*Abbey 46—Charlotte College 44
*Abbey 46—Oak Ridge 52
*Abbey 53—Pfeiffer 47
*Abbey 47—Spartanburg 46
*Abbey 60—Gardner-Webb 41
Abbey 45—Duke Frosh 70
*Abbey 42—Pfeiffer 45
*Abbey 44—Spartanburg 56
Abbey 52—Davidson Frosh 50 (overtime)
*Abbey 55—Oak Ridge 56

* N. C. Junior College Conference Games

WESTERN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Abbey 55—Lees McRae 49
Abbey 76—Asheville-Biltmore 54
Abbey 64—Spartanburg 43 (Championship)

STATE TOURNAMENT

Abbey 51—Campbell 65

REGION 10 NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

Abbey 62—Campbell 52
Abbey 70—Louisburg 49
Abbey 62—Wingate 67 (Runners-up)

BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS OF 1950

With the opening of the basketball season of 1950 Coach "Humpy" Wheeler had eight veterans from last years state championship club to mould a team. These boys were Captain Bill Fletcher, Ted Reece, Jenks Brendle, Bob Porvaznik, Paul Cencula, Tom Reinhardt, Charlie Handlon and Bill Jones. With these boys and the help of newcomers Bob Kelly, Roger Wright and Hoot Gibson the Crusaders went through a successful season that added two more trophies to the Dean's office.

To pick out an individual star would be hard to do for each boy was a standout in his own field. The only mishap of the season was the losing of Captain Bill Fletcher, who quit school to go to work.

Under the tutelage of Coach Wheeler, the Crusaders won 15 games while losing 10. They won the Western Conference championship and were runners-up in the Region 10 National Tournament. Had they won, they would have gone out and played in the National Play-offs at Hutchinson, Kansas.

The reason for such a successful season was mainly the great rebounding of Paul Cencula, who was the "iron man" of the squad. Jenks Brendle's fantastic set shooting and Boo Porvaznik's deadly one-hand push-shot was a one-two punch in every game for the Crusaders. Both boys were high scorers for the season. Another big factor in Abbey wins was the floormanship of husky Ted Reece and his long shots from way out. To round out the starting quintet we come to Bob Kelly, master ball handler. Bob could do everything with that ball except pick his teeth and that's because there isn't laces on a ball nowadays.

As for the substitutes there couldn't have been any better men to go in a game when the regulars came out. Roger Wright was a star in rebounding, Tom Reinhardt was the subs scoring threat, Charlie Handlon was a menace to all opponents with his guarding and Hoot Gibson was another rebounder and good shot.

Honors went to four of the players on the squad. They were picked on the Western Conference All-Star team. They were Jenks Brendle, high scorer during the season for the Abbey; Bob Porvaznik, high scorer for all tournament games; Ted Reece and Bob Kelly.

And that's basketball at Belmont Abbey College for 1950.

Crusader Baseball

THE RECORD

Abbey	13	1	EMI
Abbey	4	4	EMI
Abbey	1	8	Pfeiffer
Abbey	3	16	P. J. C.
Abbey	10	6	P. J. C.
Abbey	11	1	Gardner Webb
Abbey	2	14	Oak Ridge
Abbey	6	5	Davidson Frosh
Abbey	12	7	Davidson Frosh
Abbey	14	0	Charlotte College
Abbey	1	5	Oak Ridge
Abbey	2	4	Gardner Webb
Abbey	16	1	Mitchell
Abbey	3	4	Pfeiffer
Abbey	9	0	Charlotte College
Abbey	9	0	Mitchell

The 1950 Crusader baseball team, although small in number and of very little experience, exhibited the essential element in making a successful team. This element was the "fighting spirit" and "never say die" attitude this team showed, not in one or two games, but in all sixteen of them.

The record at the end of the season proved this team played spirited ball. It was 10 games won and 6 lost. Considering the loss of talent the Crusaders suffered from the '49 team this is truly a remarkable record.

Pinky Loehr with a four won and 2 lost record and Altar Lewis with a 3 won and 3 lost were the pitchers, along with Bob Duke and Bill Wright. Lewis and Loehr played outfield when not on the mound.

At first base was Jack Hendricks, a much improved ball player. At second was Frank Gragrani, an excellent fielder and a timely hitter. At short was Sam Rhyne, a good all round ball player. Third base was held down by Bill Queen, small but powerful. In the outfield was Dick Bain, who covered centerfield and Tom Melvin who was stationed in left. The catchers were Buddy Gallager and Otis Helms.

If ever a team deserved praise, this one did.

The Prep

4TH PREP

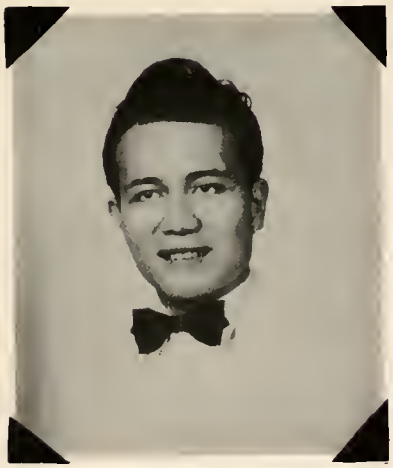
OFFICERS

President.....JAMES SHAW

Vice-President.....TOM DAVIS

Secretary.....ALLAN JONES

Treasurer.....EDWARD MCCAFFREY



Benitez, Marcelo
Monterrey, Mexico
Intramurals, Band, Rifle Club 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3; Contact 2, 3, 4

Blas, Manuel
Barrigada, Guam
Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4

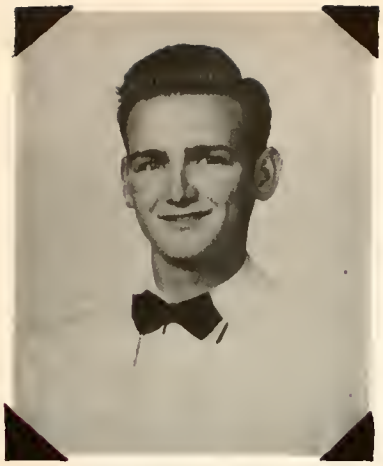
Bordallo, Rudolph
Agana Heights, Guam
Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4

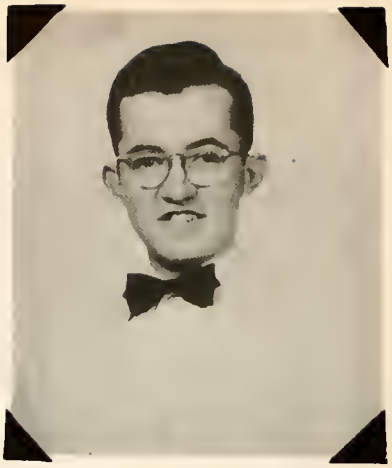
Brouissette, Bernard
Lowell, Massachusetts

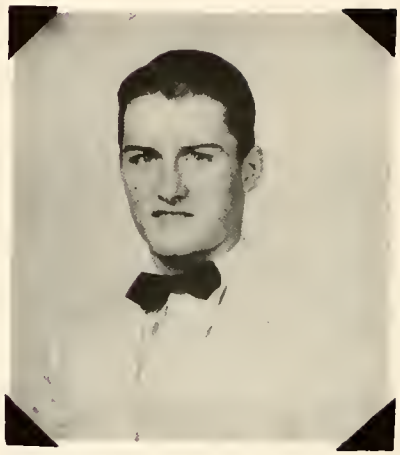
Brown, Joseph
Asheville, N. C.

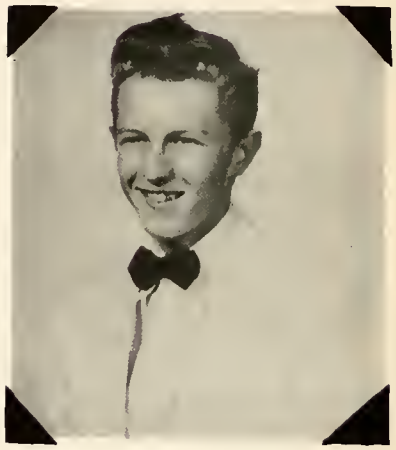
Craven, Dewey
Rock Hill, S. C.
Football 4

Culverwell, Joseph
Bronx, New York
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4,; V. Pres Class 1, 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Secretary Class 2









DAGENHART, RICHARD
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Glee Club 4

DAVIS, THOMAS
BELMONT, N. C.
Football 3, 4; Rifle Team 3, 4; Beta Alpha Sigma 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Prep Student Council 4

JACKSON, RALPH
ROCK HILL, S. C.
Beta Alpha Sigma 4; Football 4

JONES, ALLAN
HICKORY, N. C.
Beta Alpha Sigma 2, 3, 4; St. Benedicts Society 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. 4; St. John Berchman's Society 1, 2, 3 4; Contact 1, 2, 3, 4; Alpha Pi Delta Sigma 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3; Football 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4

KELLEHER, ROBERT
GREENSBORO, N. C.
St. Benedict's Society 4; Saint John Berchman's Society 4; Intramurals 4

LEWIS, PHIL
DALLAS, TEXAS
Intramurals 4

MCCAFFREY, EDWARD
GEORGETOWN, S. C.
Beta Alpha Sigma 2, 3, 4; St. Benedict's Society 2, 3, 4; Rifle Club 2; St. John Berchman's Society 2, 3, 4; Contact 2, 3, 4

McGerrigle, William
Gastonia, N. C.

McGovern, Duff
LeSuenn, Minnesota
Football 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4

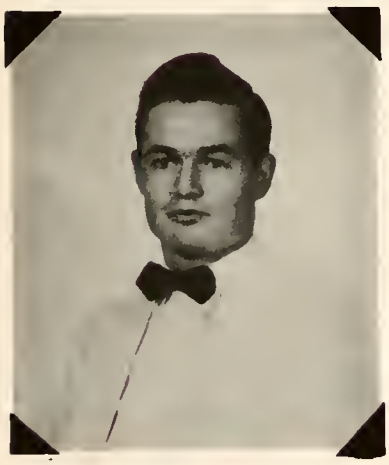
McMahon, Joseph
South Amboy, New Jersey
St. Benedict's Society 4; St. John Berchman's Society 4; Intramurals 4

Montgomery, Charles
Nebo, N. C.
Rifle Team 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4; Football 3, 4

Morris, Jerry
Charlotte, N. C.
Football 4; Monogram Club 4

Palomo, Antonio
Barrigada Guam
Beta Alpha Sigma 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4

Rowan, Larry
Lovingston, Virginia
Football 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4



SHAW, JAMES
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

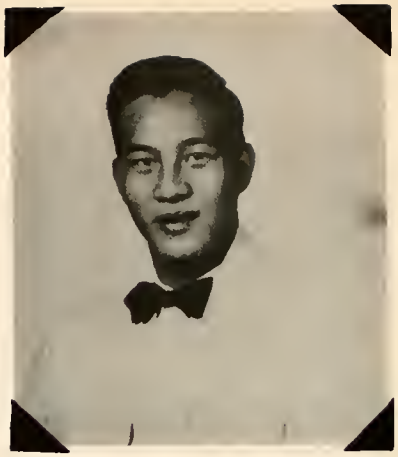
Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Pres. 4; Intramurals 2, 3, 4

SHERRILL, FRANKLIN
SHELBY, N. C.

Football 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4

SWANSON, ROBERT
NORTH BELMONT, N. C.

Football 4



TERLAJE, SALAS PEDRO
AGANA HEIGHTS, GUAM

Intramurals 3, 4

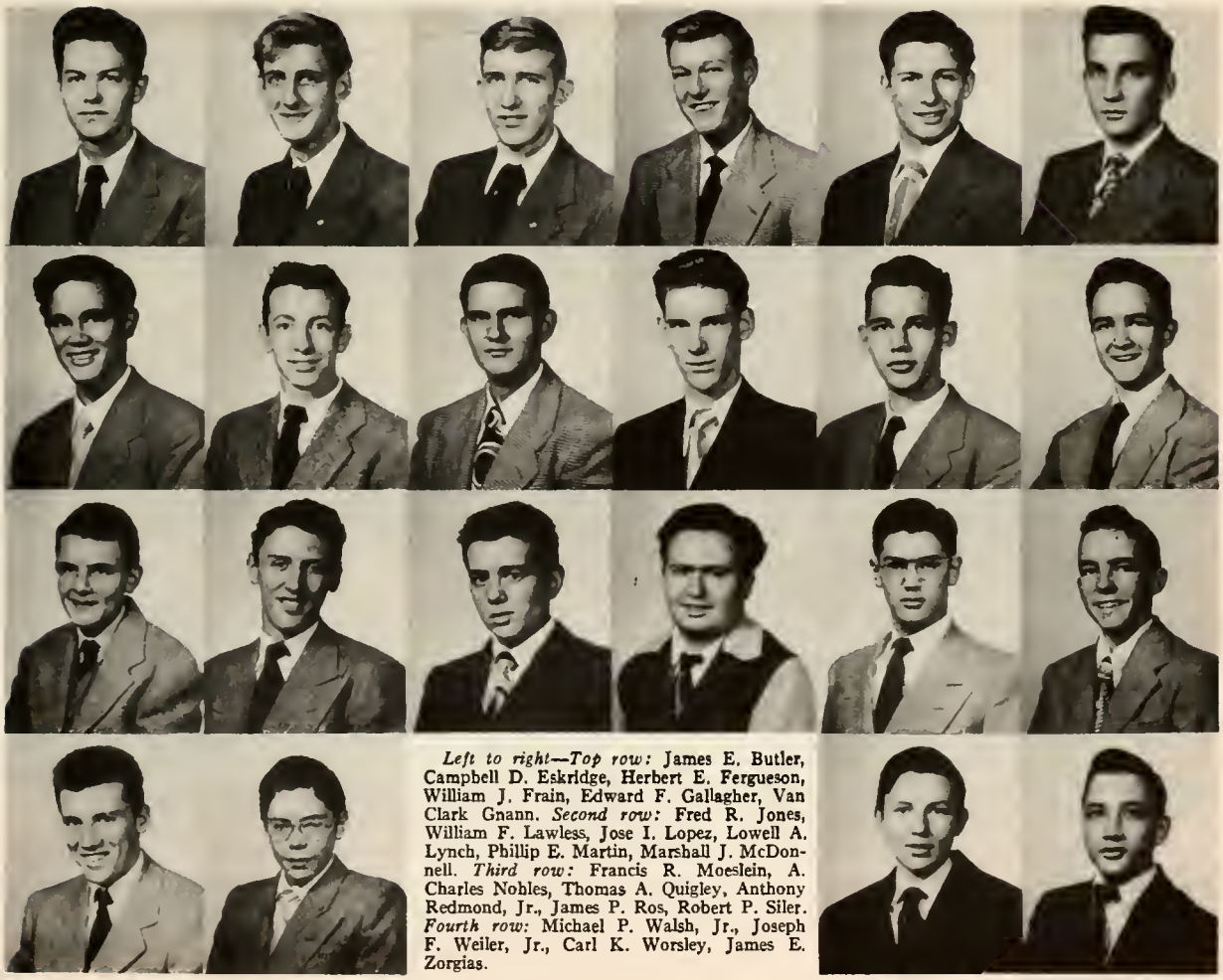
THOMPSON, VINCENT
MCADENVILLE, N. C.

Football 4; Monogram Club 4; Rifle Club 3, 4; Beta Alpha Sigma 4; Class Officer 4

TOOLE, JAMES
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Rifle Team 2; Intramurals 2, 3, 4

3RD PREP

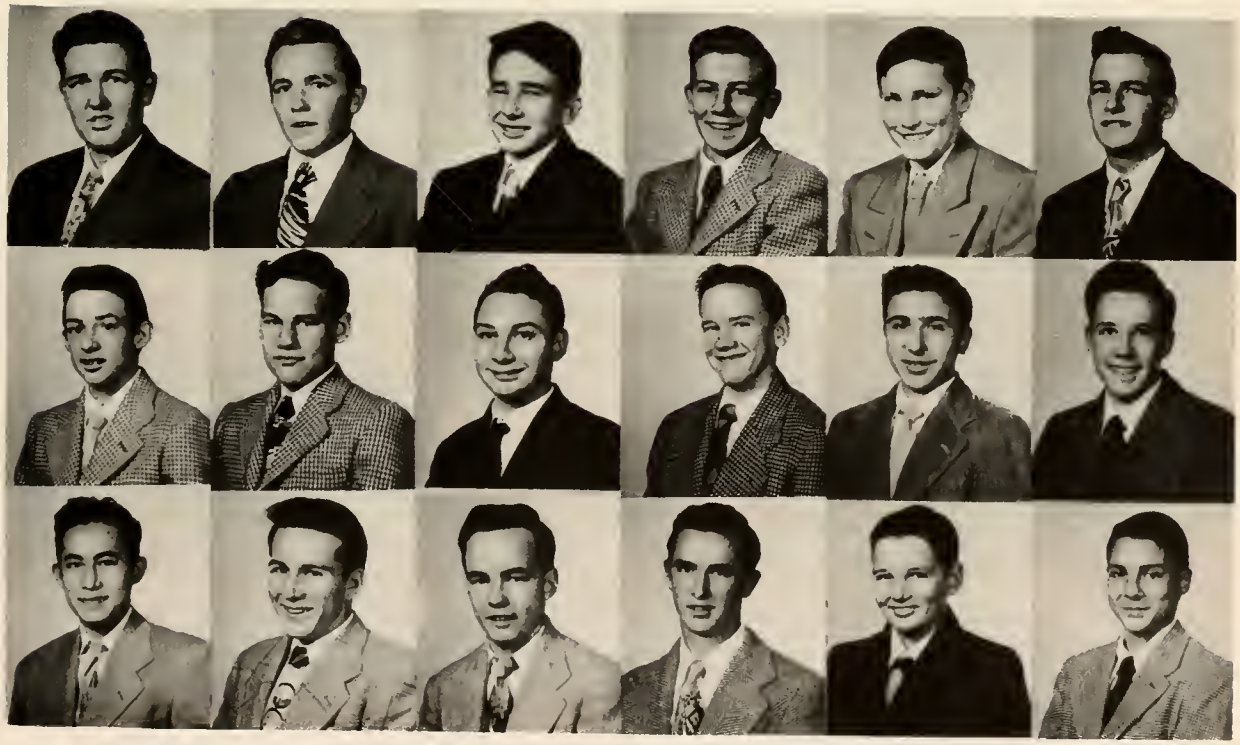


Left to right—Top row: James E. Butler, Campbell D. Eskridge, Herbert E. Fergueson, William J. Frain, Edward F. Gallagher, Van Clark Gnann. *Second row:* Fred R. Jones, William F. Lawless, Jose I. Lopez, Lowell A. Lynch, Phillip E. Martin, Marshall J. McDonnell. *Third row:* Francis R. Moeslein, A. Charles Nohles, Thomas A. Quigley, Anthony Redmond, Jr., James P. Ros, Robert P. Siler. *Fourth row:* Michael P. Walsh, Jr., Joseph F. Weiler, Jr., Carl K. Worsley, James E. Zorgias.

2ND PREP

Left to right—Top row: John C. Anderson, Emil E. Boads, Gerald R. Genest, Peter K. Harris, Gerald M. Leeker. *Second row:* Raymond McDermott, Jarrell B. Mock, John W. Mundy, Joseph A. Putnam, Jr., Gerald P. Sinkoe. *Third row:* George E. Stuart, Richard E. Tilley, Francis Torres, Jr., Charles P. Wade, John W. Williamson.

1ST PREP



Left to right—Top row: Donald W. Barkley, Kent H. Barnes, Thomas G. Barnett, John W. Borrini, John C. Campbell, Lawrence J. Corriher, Jr. *Second row:* Steve A. Davis, Christopher H. Dudley, III, Harvey H. Elmore, Jr., Richard J. Grose, Sammy J. Hagley, Ernest A. Lominac. *Third row:* Francisco Palomo, Erskine Rhodes, Thomas L. Shaw, Blane E. Sturgill, David A. Tousignant. George E. Younginer.

RAMBLER MONOGRAM CLUB

Left to right—First row: Shaw, Jones, Culverwell, McGovern, Sherrill, Shaw. *Second row:* Ros, Davis, Lawless, Palomo, McDonnell, Walsh, Morris, Boado, Gallagher. *Third row:* Rowan, Tilley, Wade, Thompson, Barnes, Leeper, Frain, Furgueson.

The Monogram Club is composed of the prep students who have earned their letter in one or more of the major sports. The club tries to foster school spirit and a sense of good sportsmanship. Father Walter Coggin, O.S.B., is moderator of the Monogram Club. The club has grown this year with almost all new members. Sponsoring dances and other extra-curricular activities has been the main function of the Rambler Monogram club this year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Left to right—First row: Jones, Marshall, Tilley, Shaw. *Second row:* Davis, McCaffrey, Ros, Boado, Shaw.

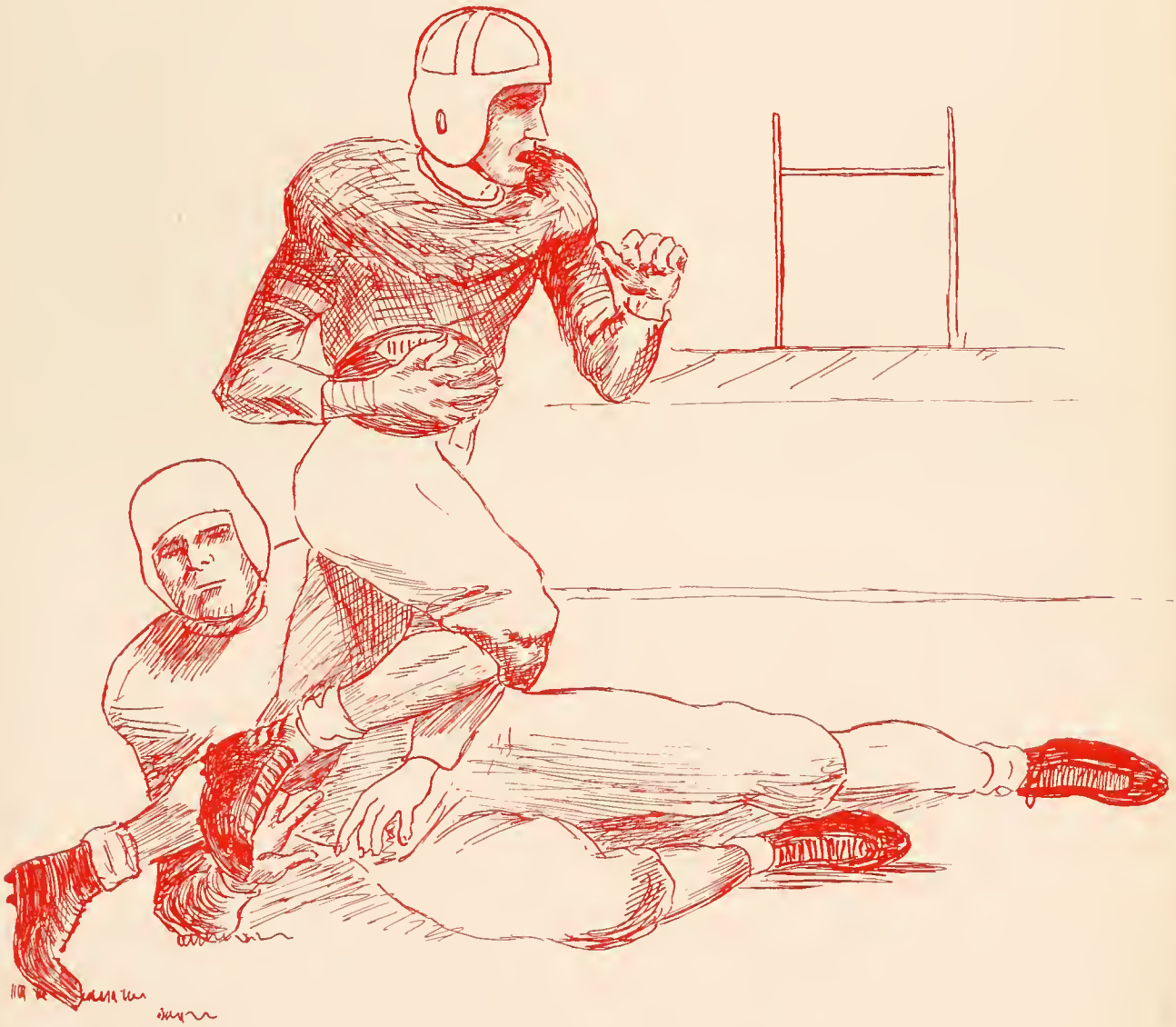
The Prep Student Council was organized this year under the direction of Father Anthony. A constitution was drawn up and officers elected. The purpose of the organization is to provide an opportunity for civic education in the basic principles of democracy, and to promote the welfare of the school in general. The council has sponsored a clean-up campaign this year which has been very successful. Allan Jones. led the Prep School this year.

SAINT BENEDICT'S SOCIETY

Left to right—First row: Wade, Bôado, Wonsley. *Second row:* Putnam, Mock, McDermott, Torres, Borrini.

The division of the Prep school from the college brought on a separation of societies. The Prep school this year organized their own Saint Benedict's society with Father Walter Coggin, O.S.B. as their moderator. The Saint Benedict's Society is intended for students who are in general candidates for the priesthood. At monthly meetings, suitable topics pertaining to vocation and monastic history are discussed.

Ramblers Football



THE RECORD

Abbey	19	Central B	0
Abbey	0	Cramerton	7
Abbey	7	Stanley	12
Abbey	0	Harding	25
Abbey	12	Bishop England	16
Abbey	14	Central B	14
Abbey	17	Gastonia B	12

Culverwell

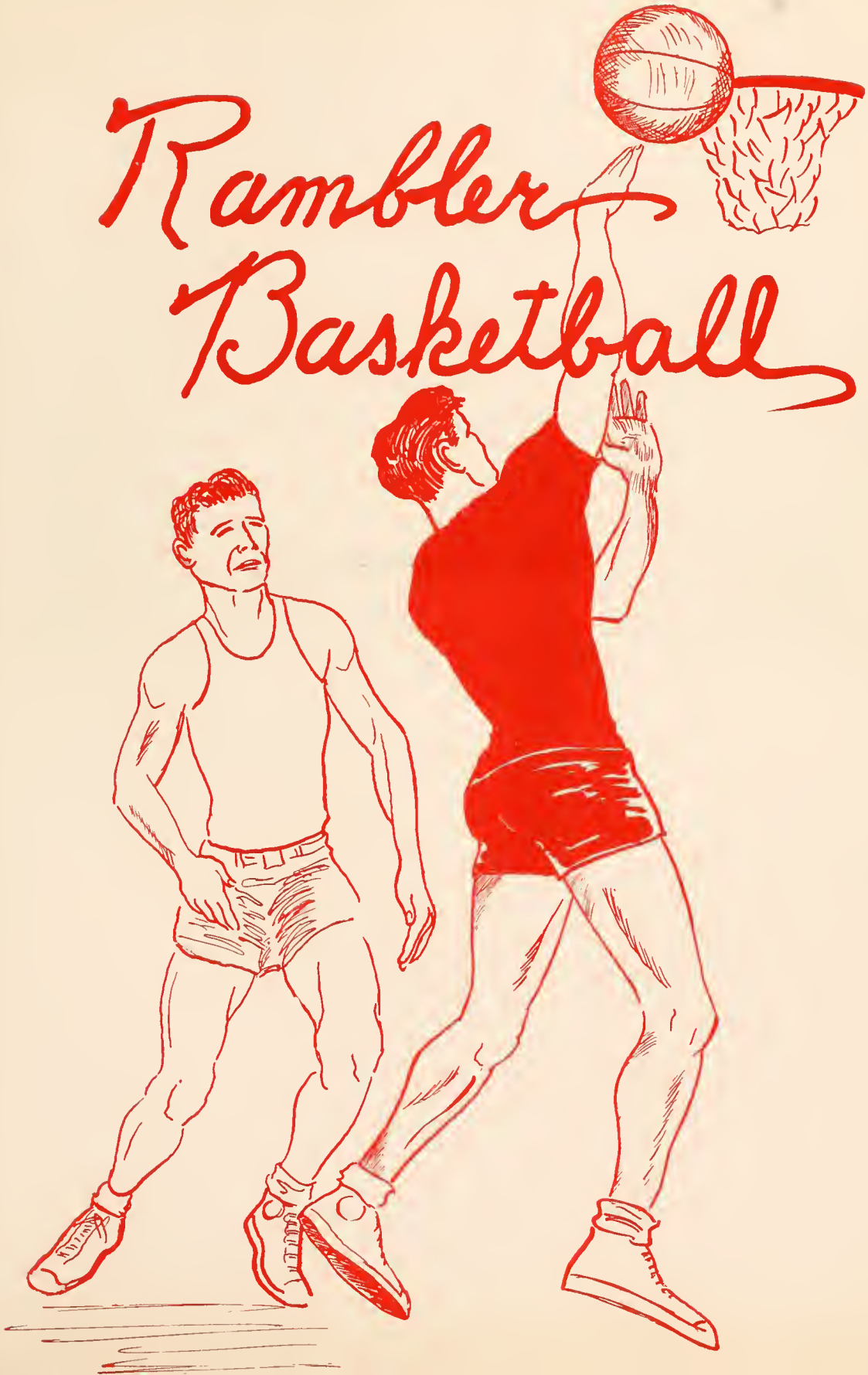
Shaw

STARTING LINEUP

From outward appearances of the first few days of practice, the Ramblers did not impress anyone as an extraordinary team. The backfield, strengthened by such newcomers as Jim Ros and Ed Sturgill, was noted to be speedier. On the line appeared stalwarts McGovern, Thompson and Captains Shaw, and Culverwell. General comment was favorable. Perhaps we could look forward to better results than past years.

Then came the test. Playing host to Central B on the Abbey field, the Ramblers rocked the Kittens 19-0, behind the impressive running of Ros and Goade. But this was to be their last victory. Throughout the remainder of the season, the team scored regularly, but always lacked the pay-off punch. Only once did they lose by more than 7 points. The defensive work of Shaw, Thompson, and Jones was notable in this regard. At the completion of a fair season the boys certainly had every reason to look forward to a better team in actual conference play the next year. However, with the cancellation of the school football program, we can look back with a certain pride on the last Abbey Prep Team.

Rambler Basketball



The Ramblers had a great year of victory, winning 7 of their scheduled games out of 10. The team was made up of a lot of new boys and two oldtimers, Shaw and Culverwell. This year was the first year that the Ramblers have come back into their own as a high school basketball team. Thanks for their success goes to Coach Butch Butler of the Charlotte Clippers, who gave enduring time to the club to see them through a victorious season.

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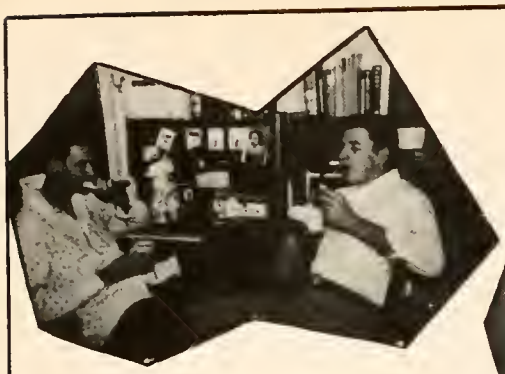
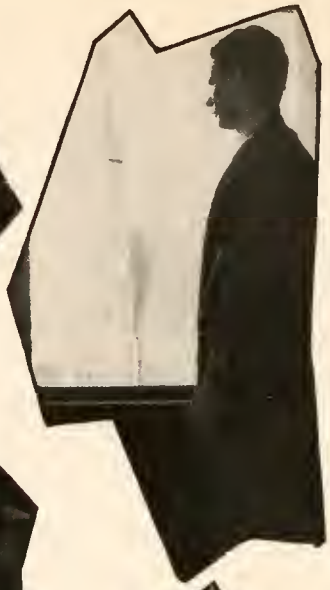

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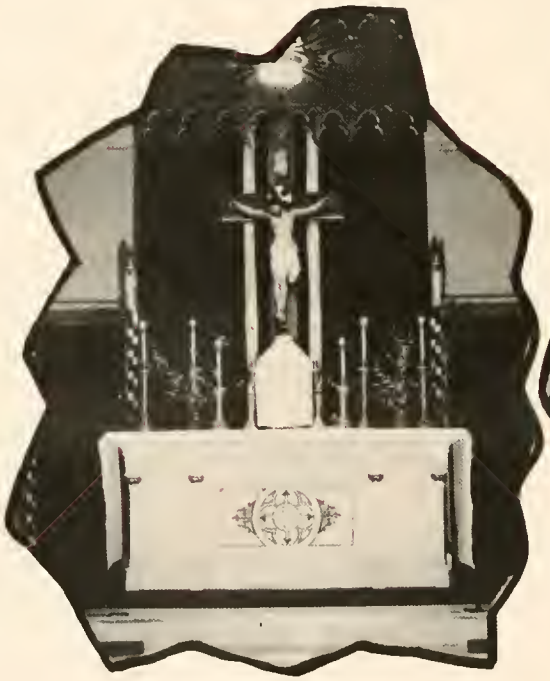

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